

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 35
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Leon H. Shoulders
upon his meritorious service to the people of
Sumner County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee
should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary public servants who have worked
assiduously and without thought of personal gain to ensure the growth and prosperity of
their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leon H. Shoulders, a dedicated member of the Sumner County
Commission for forty-six remarkable years, is most assuredly one such estimable
citizen deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shoulders' term of service as a Sumner County Commissioner
truly stands unparalleled in the county's history; during his distinguished tenure, he has
been instrumental in molding and shaping the future of this vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding gentleman has provided valuable leadership and
sagacious advice to his peers and fellow citizens as Sumner County has evolved from a
primarily rural to a primarily suburban economy; and

WHEREAS, by means of his incomparable endeavors in both public and private
life, Mr. Shoulders has worked successfully to make Sumner County a better place to
live; and

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WHEREAS, during the course of his meritorious public service, Mr. Shoulders has served astutely on every committee of the Sumner County Commission, in addition to serving with acumen and alacrity as it's Vice-Chairman; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his exemplary service on the Sumner County Commission, Mr. Shoulders has borne the mantle of civic responsibility as a member of the Hospital Board for thirty-nine years, a charter member of the Wynnewood Historical Board and as a member of the Castalian Springs Community Club; and

WHEREAS, from 1937 to 1984 Mr. Shoulders worked as manager of Hancock's Tobacco Warehouse, where he was widely respected and admired for the efficiency with which he carried out his duties; and

WHEREAS, he currently is a member of the Sumner County Road Commission, and has served as president of the Sumner County Farm Bureau since 1974; and

WHEREAS, despite the many many demands placed upon him, Mr. Shoulders still finds time to lend his considerable talent as a member of the Sumner County Fair Board, the State Tax Equalization Committee and the Soil Conservation Service; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Shoulders expresses his robust faith in the Lord through his membership and attendance at the Old Union Church of Christ, where he has served for 23 years as treasurer; and

WHEREAS, for nearly fifty years, Leon Shoulders has selflessly placed the welfare of his community and his fellow citizens ahead of personal concerns to the great benefit of all of Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, his dedicated public service and industrious leadership have been essential to Sumner County's prosperity as it has grown into a vital, contemporary community; and

WHEREAS, men of his talent and stature do not often walk among us, and Mr. Shoulders should be specially recognized as a sterling representative of the true spirit of the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Leon H. Shoulders upon his meritorious service to the good people of Sumner County; salute his distinguished and productive tenure as a member of the Sumner County Commission, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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